SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 386 By Burks

A RESOLUTION To commend Mrs. Donna Morgan and the 2001 Legislative Intern Class for their exemplary service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly is proud to recognize and honor those persons who have dedicated themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process, and to the overall improvement of this Great State; and

WHEREAS, The ninety-six students comprising the Legislative Intern Class of 2001 and their Coordinator, Mrs. Donna Morgan, are such noted individuals who have distinguished themselves in their respective roles, thus resulting in innumerable benefits for the legislators and staff they individually assisted and the entire General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The interns comprising this august class are: Fred Agee, Marta Anderson, Allison Andraza, Thomas "Allen" Archer, Rodney Bacigalupo, Patrick Boggs, Lindsay Boyer, Alyssa Brandon, Cheryl Bryant, Jamie Burns, Mark Bush, Kristin Byrd, Tony Carey, Edward Carr, Kimaley Clark, Chris Davis, Oneka Davis, Keri Day, Christopher Drake, Mandy Eoff, Drew Ermenc, Mia Evans, R. Patrick Evans, Travis Foust, Meagan Frazier, Erin Gonzalez, Ben Groce, Taffey Hall, Sierra Harlacher, Cebriet "Lee" Harrell, April Harriman, T. Cale Harris, A. Brooke Hocker, Jennifer Hoey, Erin Hughes, Mary Huntington, Joseph Hyder, Christopher Ing, J. Wade Jenkins, Shane Jervis, Christie Johnson, Nashonda Johnson, Elizabeth Johnstone,

Heather Justice, Neil Kerr, Hannah Kiser, Kevin Krushenski, Bryn Laiolo, Nikita Lamar, Kevin Latta, Matt Lea, Carolyn Little, Holly Lowe, Shaun Lynch, Eric Manis, Brandy Martin, Brandy McCarley, Jimmie McCurdy, Odie McCurdy, Joshua McNary, John McPeak, Jocelyn Mims, Amber Moore, Valerie Moore, Angela Moore, Ken Moten, Bintou Njie, Michael Osburn, David Pair, Robert Pastor, Phil Patterson, Douglas Pearce, Michael Petrone, Emily Potts, Matt Reel, Richard Reinsch, Roger Smith, Derek Stevens, Jessica Stults, Bharath Subramanian, Jeff Sullivan, Ester Sykes-Cook, Heather Tanner, Tracy Tipton, Elizabeth Tramel, Nicholas Vaughn, Michael Wall, Jamie Webb, Desinda Whitehead, Chris Whittaker, B. Denise Wilson, Christopher Wilson, Ashley Wise, Dana Wright, Kimberly Young, and Michelle Zisson; and

WHEREAS, Representing the best and brightest from thirteen of the colleges and universities in Tennessee's public and private higher education systems, all of these students have surpassed the criteria that define devoted and conscientious legislative interns throughout the entire 2001 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their legislative office duties, these astute individuals have planned and presented a reception and program celebrating Black History Month; completed CPR and life-saving skills training, including the Heimlich maneuver and guidelines for using automated external defibrillators, and planned and presented a legislative breakfast for members of the 102nd General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, They also toured Riverbend Maximum Security Prison, visited the Tennessee Supreme Court to hear oral arguments in a capital murder case, and participated in mock elections for Intern Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, and Governor along with a mock legislative session on the house floor; and

WHEREAS, A strong volunteer spirit is evident in this group as they have collected and donated a total of 270 books for a K-6 student library and planted 49 trees on the property of the historic Hermitage as a conservation project to replace some of the trees lost during the tornado of 1998; and

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WHEREAS, This group of scholars is also marked by athletic skill as they soundly defeated the team of legislators and staff, 62-58, at the annual Legislator/Intern basketball game; and

WHEREAS, Other areas of interest worth noting that the intern class participated in are the annual intern picnic at the Governor's Residence, bowling, going to a Sounds baseball game and a Predators hockey game (where one lucky student wrote the winning essay and rode the Zamboni), skydiving, and a white water rafting trip on the Ocoee River; and

WHEREAS, Both brains and beauty existed within this class, as two students received the Carl O. Koella Memorial Scholarship, one student participated in the Miss Knoxville Beauty Pageant, and another student participated in the Miss TSU Beauty Pageant, in which she won and was crowned Miss TSU; and

WHEREAS, The 2001 Legislative Intern Class, as a whole, has performed their many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum, and we wish the entire class the best of luck in their future endeavors, thanking them and Mrs. Morgan for their astute service during this session of the 102nd General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the 2001 Legislative Intern Class and Mrs. Donna Morgan, the Legislative Intern Coordinator, for their outstanding service and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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